

The Environmental Process

Preliminary Environmental Assessment

- Conduct Preliminary Assessment to Determine Scope, Cost and Schedule
- Conduct Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC)

Initiate Studies

- Consult with the Public and Local, State and Federal Agencies with Open House Workshop(s)
- Define Project Purpose and Need and Develop Alternatives
- Request Permission to Enter from Property Owners
- Initiate Technical Studies, such as Air Quality, Noise, Community Impacts, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources and Visual Resources

Prepare the Draft Environmental Document

- File a Notice of Preparation with the State Clearinghouse
- Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Report (CEQA) and Environmental Assessment (NEPA)

Circulate Draft Environmental Document

- Distribute Copies to Libraries, Local, State and Federal Agencies and Concerned Citizens
- Send Notices to Local Newspapers Informing the Public of the Availability of the Draft Environmental Document
- Hold Public Workshops
- Respond to Comments

Final Environmental Document

- Distribute Final Environmental Document
- Publish Notice of Determination at State Clearinghouse (CEQA)
- Prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (NEPA) and Submit Notice of Availability to State Clearinghouse